NEW PLANT IDENTIFICATION

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On 16 December 1986, Costa Rica issued a set of stamps depicting Fauna and Flora (Sc#377–85). The second stamp in this set (3 Col) shows the nectar-feeding bat *Glossophaga soricina*. In addition, this stamp also clearly shows the fruit on which this bat is feeding.

A little internet sleuthing uncovered a readily comparable photograph of this species of bat feeding from the same plant shown on the stamp.

http://aob.oxfordjournals.org/content/104/6/1017/F2.expansion.html

The article associated with the web page identifies the plant as *Mabea occidentalis*. This plant is native to Costa Rica and belongs to the family Euphorbiaceae. It does not appear that this species, or the genus *Mabea*, has previously received a listing in *Biophilately*.

Glossophaga soricina
Costa Rica Sc#378

Reference: Theodore H. Fleming, Cullen Geiselman, and W. John Kress. The evolution of bat pollination: a phylogenetic perspective; *Ann Bot* (2009) 104 (6): 1017-1043 first published online September 29, 2009 doi:10.1093/aob/mcp197.